

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the SP4 James Martin Simon Memorial Highway in Daviess County.

WHEREAS, James Martin Simon was born on December 30, 1950, and was raised in the Daviess County community of West Louisville; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, James Martin Simon enlisted in the United States Army, where he served in Vietnam as an infantryman with the Third Infantry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 1971, in the Vietnamese town of Quant Tri, SP4 James Martin Simon was killed in a firefight with the enemy; and

WHEREAS, James Martin Simon was the last man from Daviess County to sacrifice his life during the Vietnam War, a sobering reminder to this day that the cost of freedom is high, and borne on a deeply personal level by the families of those soldiers who give their last full measure of devotion; and

WHEREAS, the surviving family of James Martin Simon, including his brother Billy, who still lives in West Louisville, would be deeply honored by some tangible memorial to the service of James Martin Simon, however insignificant it might be; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has seen fit to honor various Kentuckians by naming portions of state highways and erecting commemorative roadway signs in their honor; and

WHEREAS, these Kentuckians have come from all walks of life, held a multitude of jobs, and had a variety of accomplishments that made them deserving of the honor; and

WHEREAS, these individuals have included former Governors, former members of the General Assembly, decorated veterans, slain law enforcement officers, local elected officials, astronauts, doctors, educators, distinguished athletes, and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of the Commonwealth owes a great debt of gratitude to the patriotic men and women killed and wounded in service to their country in times of great need; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has often honored the veterans of this state by naming portions of several roads, from interstates to small two-lane country roads, in their honor; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly again sees fit to honor a group of individuals who have made the lives of their fellow Kentuckians better and brought honor and respect to the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 56 in Daviess County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 1554 near the town of Sorgho, to Cummings Road near Mount Saint Joseph's, as the "SP4 James Martin Simon Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 476, located between mile points 18 and 19, in Perry County as the "Mitchell Allen Memorial Bridge," and shall within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky Route 20 in Boone County, from Kentucky Route 237 to Conner Road, as the "Robert A. 'Bob' Flick Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 4. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Interstate 69 in the city of Hanson in Hopkins County, at exit 49, as the "Sgt. William Michael Coomes Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 5. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 23 in Pike County, from Robinson Creek to Esco, as the "Pvt. Amos Damron Memorial

Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 6. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Bridge Number 098B00194N on Kentucky Route 122, just past the intersection of United States Route 460 and Kentucky Route 122 at Shelbiana in Pike County, the "Elmer 'Kebo' Keathley Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new replacement bridge on Kentucky Route 191 in Morgan County as the "PFC Ralph Paul Terry Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 8. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new replacement bridge on Kentucky Route 451 at Glomawr in Perry County as the "Jack Adams Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Marlow Tackett by including him upon the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23 in Pike County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 55 in Taylor and Adair Counties, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 2972 in Adair County to the intersection with Kentucky Route 565 in Taylor County, as the "Captain Tony Grider Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.